

November 17, 2008

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for returning a **stewardship commitment for 2009**. There is no St. Anne without parish members who are willing to share their gifts and make sacrifices in faith!

Busy days are upon us and St. Anne wants to be a part of your life. Come and pray with us. Invite someone to join us:

- **Thanksgiving** Liturgy on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. Consider bringing food for the hungry and placing it on the altar steps.
- **Advent** begins on November 29-30. Begin the new church year with us!
- Advent Communal Celebrations of **Reconciliation**:
 - Tuesday, December 16th at noon at St. Elizabeth
 - Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Therese
 - Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark

Our **Christmas** mass schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 24th at 10:00 p.m. - Christmas Concert
- Wednesday, December 24th at 10:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 25th at 10:15 a.m.
- Thursday, January 1st at 10:15 a.m.

A statement of your **financial stewardship** in 2008 up to November 12th is included. Like you and our economy – we continue to struggle with finances. If you want St. Anne to serve you and others, we need your continued financial support. Any year end gifts will need to be received by December 30th.

Did you know that our **SCRIP** Ministry provided over \$40,000 in proceeds to our parish last year? This is the result of about 100 households each week spending about \$200. Thank you to those who have developed a habit of using SCRIP. About 5% of every dollar in SCRIP benefits St. Anne and costs you nothing extra. For those of you who have purchased SCRIP occasionally. Could you make this a regular habit? If you have not used SCRIP or not sure how it works, I ask you to give it a try. Let those at the table know you are not sure how it works but would like to help the parish. These are challenging economic times for you and for us, but everyone needs to purchase **groceries** and **gas**. If you need to purchase **clothing** or **gifts** or you **eat out**, SCRIP can work for you and for St. Anne. Can you help us have 110 or 125 or 150 or 200 households who purchase SCRIP each week?

Thanks for being a part of St. Anne. I hope we have been a place where your faith has been strengthened and you have experienced God's favor.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Don Thimm
Pastor